

ITEM 7-B

Proclamation: Historic Preservation Season

WHEREAS , the City of Alameda is home to more than 10,000 vintage buildings in all manner of architectural styles, from Victorian to Art Moderne; and

WHEREAS , historic preservation promotes commerce through Heritage Tourism and revitalizes neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS , many residents and visitors learn about local heritage by enjoying local history displays at the Alameda Museum and touring the Meyers House to see firsthand an authentic 19th Century Alameda home; and

WHEREAS , most municipalities dedicate only the month of May to Historic Preservation, here in Alameda we celebrate a four month Historic Preservation Season; and

WHEREAS , during the Season our legacy of history and architecture will be properly celebrated with awards, ceremonies, slide shows, and walking tours; and

WHEREAS , two Preservation Season events that occur only in Alameda now commemorate their 14th year: the Kids & Queen Victoria Exhibit and the Preservation Awards Extravaganza of the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society; and

WHEREAS , Historic Preservation Season is proudly sponsored by the Historical Advisory Board of the City of Alameda, the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society, the Alameda Association of Realtors, the Alameda Museum, the *Alameda Sun*, the Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Alameda Business Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Park Street Business Association, and the West Alameda Business Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim March through June 2011, as

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SEASON

and call upon the people of Alameda to join communities across the United States in recognizing and participating in the many events during this special observance.

Marie Gilmore
Mayor

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DRAFT list of events: City of Alameda Historic Preservation Season 2011

- ❖ Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. : City Council declares Historic Preservation Season 2011 open! Proclamation read by Mayor Marie Gilmore. City Council Chambers, City Hall 2263 Santa Clara Avenue. Information: 747.4800.
- ❖ Thursday , March 31, 7:00 p.m. : “Façade Easements that Promote Preservation of Historic Resources,” a talk by Anthony Veerkamp, National Trust for Historic Preservation, sponsored by the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS), Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1420 Lafayette Street. Free for members; \$5 for others. Information: 479.6489.
- ❖ Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.: Author-Alameda Sun editor Dennis Evanosky and architect-preservationist Richard Rutter: “Fernside the Estate and Fernside the Neighborhood,” a talk about the journey from the bucolic paradise that was the original estate to the best planned and maintained neighborhood on the Island. Alameda Museum, 2324 Alameda Avenue. Free for members; \$10 for others. Information: 748.0796.
- ❖ Saturday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. 14th annual exhibit, “Kids & Queen Victoria,” featuring the children of Alameda serenading her Majesty. Superintendent of Schools Kirsten Vitale will officiate. Alameda Museum, 2324 Alameda Avenue. Free, sponsored by the Alameda Museum and the Historical Advisory Board. Information: 748.0796.
- ❖ Saturday, May 14 , 11:00 a.m. : Author-Alameda Sun editor Dennis Evanosky and architect-preservationist Richard Rutter: ‘Stroll North of Lincoln: The Neighborhood Known as Wedgewood.’ A study in contrasts, from Victorian homes of the 1870s Italianate style to a dip into maritime history of the 1930s. Meeting place details to follow. Free, sponsored by the Historical Advisory Board. Information: 748.0796.
- ❖ Thursday, May 19, 7:00 p.m: Preservation Awards Gala, the 14th annual celebration of spectacular historic preservation projects on the Island, sponsored by AAPS with details to follow. Information: 479.6489.
- ❖ Thursday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. : Author and architect Arrol Gellner with slides from his book “Storybook Style,” featuring Stonehenge and Stoneleigh on Santa Clara Avenue. Alameda Museum, 2324 Alameda Avenue. Free for members; \$10 for others. Information: 748.0796.

Possible other events with details to follow:

Rededication of Paul’s Newsstand on Santa Clara Avenue near Park Street

Celebration of 40 years of the reign of George the Gunn as Curator of the Alameda Museum